

House Resolution 1079

By: Representatives Millar of the 79th, Burmeister of the 119th, Manning of the 32nd, Byrd of the 20th, and Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Creation of a Children's Budget; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the safety, welfare, and education of our children are of paramount importance;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, such safety, welfare, and education are dependent on appropriate and sufficient
6 funding of critical social and educational programs; and

7 WHEREAS, there is difficulty in identifying all of the various line items in the current
8 format of the state budget which contribute wholly or partially to programs which impact
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, a children's budget would enable state legislators and officials to examine
11 expenditures for children across agencies and programs and to evaluate the effectiveness of
12 programs related to children; and

13 WHEREAS, a study of the issues surrounding the feasibility and usefulness of a children's
14 budget which would identify all sources of funding in the state budget that impact the safety,
15 welfare, and education of our children would be beneficial to determine whether legislative
16 action should be recommended.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 there is created the House Study Committee on the Creation of a Children's Budget to be
19 composed of seven members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
20 five members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall
21 designate one of such members as chairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
22 shall appoint two additional members of the committee who shall include representatives of

1 child advocacy or policy organizations. The committee shall meet at the call of the
2 chairperson.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
9 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
10 Code of Georgia Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
11 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
12 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
13 All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
14 appropriated to the House of Representatives. The expenses and allowances authorized by
15 this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
16 unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
18 shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on
19 December 31, 2005.